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# Introduction

Among the figures most revered in Islam is ʿĪsā ibn Maryam — Jesus, son of Mary. To Muslims, he is more than a historical figure; he is a prophet, a miracle, a servant of Allah, and a sign for the worlds. The Qur'an speaks of him with honor in multiple chapters, describing his birth, his mission, his miracles, and even his return before the end of time.

Muslims believe in Jesus as part of their faith — in fact, rejecting him would take one outside the fold of Islam. The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said,

"Whoever testifies that there is no god but Allah, alone with no partner, and that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger, and that Jesus is the servant of Allah, His word which He bestowed upon Mary, and a spirit from Him, and that Paradise is true and Hell is true — Allah will admit him into Paradise, whatever his deeds may be."[1]

Yet, the Jesus of Islamic teaching is not the same as the figure portrayed in many churches today. The Qur'an rejects the idea that he is divine or the literal son of God. Instead, he is presented as one of the greatest messengers — sent to guide the Children of Israel back to the worship of the One God.

This booklet seeks to present the truth about Jesus according to the Qur'an and authentic Hadith — without distortion, without exaggeration, and without diminishing his rightful place in the hearts of believers. It is a story of faith, purity, and truth — and an

[1] Bukhārī, 3435; Muslim 28.

invitation to reflect on the life and message of a prophet who will return to earth to complete his mission.

# Mary, Her Virtue and Purity

In the Qur'an, the story of Jesus begins not with him, but with his mother — Maryam (Mary), the daughter of ʿImrān. Her life was a miracle even before her son's birth. She was born into a devout household from among the Children of Israel, a family chosen above all others for their purity and faith,

﴿۞إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ ٱصۡطَفَىٰٓ ءَادَمَ وَنُوحٗا وَءَالَ إِبۡرَٰهِيمَ وَءَالَ عِمۡرَٰنَ عَلَى ٱلۡعَٰلَمِينَ ٣٣ ذُرِّيَّةَۢ بَعۡضُهَا مِنۢ بَعۡضٖۗ وَٱللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ٣٤﴾

"Indeed, Allah chose Adam and Noah and the family of Abraham and the family of ʿImrān above all people — descendants, some of them from others. And Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing."[2]

Maryam's mother had prayed for a child dedicated entirely to Allah's service. When she gave birth to a girl, she was surprised, but Allah accepted Maryam with honor,

﴿رَبِّ إِنِّي وَضَعۡتُهَآ أُنثَىٰ وَٱللَّهُ أَعۡلَمُ بِمَا وَضَعَتۡ وَلَيۡسَ ٱلذَّكَرُ كَٱلۡأُنثَىٰۖ وَإِنِّي سَمَّيۡتُهَا مَرۡيَمَ وَإِنِّيٓ أُعِيذُهَا بِكَ وَذُرِّيَّتَهَا مِنَ ٱلشَّيۡطَٰنِ ٱلرَّجِيمِ ٣٦ فَتَقَبَّلَهَا رَبُّهَا بِقَبُولٖ حَسَنٖ وَأَنۢبَتَهَا نَبَاتًا حَسَنٗا وَكَفَّلَهَا زَكَرِيَّاۖ﴾

"…My Lord, I have delivered a female… yet Allah knew best what she delivered… So her Lord accepted her with a gracious acceptance, and caused her to grow in a good manner, and placed her under the care of Zakariyyā."[3]

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[2] Qur'an 3:33–34.

[3] Qur'an 3:36–37.

Raised in the sanctuary under the guardianship of Prophet Zakariyyā, Maryam grew in devotion, modesty, and worship. The Qur'an paints a picture of her as a woman of unmatched chastity — so pure that an entire chapter (Sūrat Maryam) bears her name, and she is the only woman mentioned by name in the Qur'an.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) confirmed her unique rank, saying,

"Many men have reached perfection, but none among women attained perfection except Mary, the daughter of ʿImrān, and Āsiyah, the wife of Pharaoh."[4]

Maryam's purity was not merely in body, but in heart and faith. She lived in seclusion, devoted to prayer and remembrance of Allah. It was in this state of worship that she was visited by the Angel Jibrīl (Gabriel), carrying the most extraordinary message of her life — that she would bear a son, without any man touching her.

[4] Bukhārī, 5418; Muslim, 2431.

# The Miraculous Birth of Jesus

Maryam's life of quiet devotion was suddenly interrupted by an awe-inspiring moment. As she withdrew to a place in the east for worship and reflection, a radiant figure appeared before her. Alarmed, she sought Allah's protection,

﴿فَٱتَّخَذَتْ مِن دُونِهِمْ حِجَابًا فَأَرْسَلْنَآ إِلَيْهَا رُوحَنَا فَتَمَثَّلَ لَهَا بَشَرًا سَوِيًّا ۝١٧ قَالَتْ إِنِّيٓ أَعُوذُ بِٱلرَّحْمَٰنِ مِنكَ إِن كُنتَ تَقِيًّا ۝١٨﴾

"She screened herself from them. Then We sent to her Our Spirit, and he appeared to her as a well-proportioned man. She said, 'Indeed I seek refuge in the Most Merciful from you, if you fear Allah.'"[5]

This was the Angel Jibrīl (Gabriel), sent with a message that would shake the world.

﴿قَالَ إِنَّمَآ أَنَا۠ رَسُولُ رَبِّكِ لِأَهَبَ لَكِ غُلَٰمًا زَكِيًّا ۝١٩ قَالَتْ أَنَّىٰ يَكُونُ لِى غُلَٰمٌ وَلَمْ يَمْسَسْنِى بَشَرٌ وَلَمْ أَكُ بَغِيًّا ۝٢٠ قَالَ كَذَٰلِكِ قَالَ رَبُّكِ هُوَ عَلَىَّ هَيِّنٌ ۖ وَلِنَجْعَلَهُۥٓ ءَايَةً لِّلنَّاسِ وَرَحْمَةً مِّنَّا ۚ وَكَانَ أَمْرًا مَّقْضِيًّا ۝٢١﴾

"He said, 'I am only the messenger of your Lord to grant you a pure boy.' She said, 'How can I have a boy when no man has touched me, nor have I been unchaste?' He said, 'So it will be; your Lord says: It is easy for Me, and We will make him a sign to the people and a mercy from Us. And it is a matter already decreed.'"[6]

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[5] Qur'an 19:17–18.

[6] Qur'an 19:19–21.

With that divine decree, the miracle began. The Qur'an tells us that Allah simply said *"Be"* — and it was. Maryam conceived Jesus without a father, a sign of Allah's limitless power, just as He created Adam without father or mother, and Eve without a mother.

As the days passed, Maryam withdrew from her people, carrying the weight of both the child and the unspoken questions of society. When the time for birth approached, she found herself alone, far from home, in the midst of pain and anguish,

﴿فَأَجَآءَهَا ٱلْمَخَاضُ إِلَىٰ جِذْعِ ٱلنَّخْلَةِ قَالَتْ يَٰلَيْتَنِى مِتُّ قَبْلَ هَٰذَا وَكُنتُ نَسْيًا مَّنسِيًّا ﴿٢٣﴾﴾

"And the pains of childbirth drove her to the trunk of a palm tree. She said, 'Oh, I wish I had died before this and was in oblivion, forgotten.'"[7]

But Allah comforted her,

﴿فَنَادَىٰهَا مِن تَحْتِهَآ أَلَّا تَحْزَنِى قَدْ جَعَلَ رَبُّكِ تَحْتَكِ سَرِيًّا ﴿٢٤﴾ وَهُزِّىٓ إِلَيْكِ بِجِذْعِ ٱلنَّخْلَةِ تُسَٰقِطْ عَلَيْكِ رُطَبًا جَنِيًّا ﴿٢٥﴾ فَكُلِى وَٱشْرَبِى وَقَرِّى عَيْنًا ۖ﴾

"So he[8] called her from below her, 'Do not grieve; your Lord has provided beneath you a stream. And shake toward you the trunk of the palm tree; it will drop upon you ripe, fresh dates. So eat and drink and be comforted.'"[9]

Maryam returned to her people with the infant in her arms. Shock and suspicion filled their eyes — how could the chaste Mary bear a child? She remained silent, as Allah had instructed, and simply pointed to the baby,

﴿فَأَشَارَتْ إِلَيْهِ ۖ قَالُوا۟ كَيْفَ نُكَلِّمُ مَن كَانَ فِى ٱلْمَهْدِ صَبِيًّا ﴿٢٩﴾﴾

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[7] Qur'an 19:23.

[8] That is baby Jesus after his mother had delivered him, according to many scholars.

[9] Qur'an 19:24–26.

"They said, 'How can we speak to one who is in the cradle, a child?'"[10]

Then came one of the greatest miracles of all,

﴿قَالَ إِنِّي عَبْدُ ٱللَّهِ ءَاتَىٰنِيَ ٱلْكِتَٰبَ وَجَعَلَنِي نَبِيًّا ۝٣٠ وَجَعَلَنِي مُبَارَكًا أَيْنَ مَا كُنتُ وَأَوْصَٰنِي بِٱلصَّلَوٰةِ وَٱلزَّكَوٰةِ مَا دُمْتُ حَيًّا ۝٣١ وَبَرًّا بِوَٰلِدَتِي وَلَمْ يَجْعَلْنِي جَبَّارًا شَقِيًّا ۝٣٢ وَٱلسَّلَٰمُ عَلَيَّ يَوْمَ وُلِدتُّ وَيَوْمَ أَمُوتُ وَيَوْمَ أُبْعَثُ حَيًّا ۝٣٣﴾

"He [Jesus] said, 'Indeed, I am the servant of Allah. He has given me the Scripture and made me a prophet. And He has made me blessed wherever I am and enjoined upon me prayer and *zakāh* as long as I live, and [He has made me] dutiful to my mother, and He has not made me arrogant, wicked. And peace is on me the day I was born, the day I will die, and the day I will be raised alive.'"[11]

From the very first moments of his life, Jesus spoke the truth about himself — that he was a servant of Allah, a prophet, and a blessing to those around him. His first words were a declaration of monotheism and humility, setting the tone for his entire mission.

[10] Qur'an 19:29.

[11] Qur'an 19:30–33.

# The Mission of Jesus

Jesus, son of Mary (peace be upon him), was sent as a prophet and messenger to the Children of Israel at a time when their faith had been corrupted by rigid legalism, worldly greed, and disputes over religious authority. His mission was to revive the essence of the Torah — not to abolish it, but to purify it from distortion and neglect.

**The Qur'an records his words**

﴿وَمُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ مِنَ ٱلتَّوْرَىٰةِ وَلِأُحِلَّ لَكُم بَعْضَ ٱلَّذِى حُرِّمَ عَلَيْكُمْ ۚ وَجِئْتُكُم بِـَٔايَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ فَٱتَّقُوا۟ ٱللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُونِ ۝٥٠﴾

"[I have come] confirming what was before me of the Torah and to make lawful for you some of what was forbidden to you. And I have come to you with a sign from your Lord; so fear Allah and obey me."[12]

**A Message of Pure Monotheism**

Like all prophets before him, Jesus called his people to worship Allah alone, without partners. He declared,

﴿إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ رَبِّى وَرَبُّكُمْ فَٱعْبُدُوهُ ۚ هَٰذَا صِرَٰطٌ مُّسْتَقِيمٌ ۝٥١﴾

"Indeed, Allah is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him. That is the straight path."[13]

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[12] Qur'an 3:50.

[13] Qur'an 3:51.

This message was not new; it was the same truth preached by Noah, Abraham, Moses, and would later be confirmed by Prophet Muhammad.

### Miracles by Allah's Permission

To support his message and demonstrate Allah's power, Jesus was granted miracles unlike those of any other prophet. The Qur'an lists them:

- **Healing the blind and the leper** — illnesses considered incurable.
- **Raising the dead** — restoring life to those who had passed away.
- **Breathing life into a clay bird** — a sign of Allah's creative power.
- **Telling people** what they had eaten and stored in their homes — revealing the unseen.

﴿أَنِّي أَخْلُقُ لَكُم مِّنَ ٱلطِّينِ كَهَيْـَٔةِ ٱلطَّيْرِ فَأَنفُخُ فِيهِ فَيَكُونُ طَيْرًۢا بِإِذْنِ ٱللَّهِ ۖ وَأُبْرِئُ ٱلْأَكْمَهَ وَٱلْأَبْرَصَ وَأُحْيِ ٱلْمَوْتَىٰ بِإِذْنِ ٱللَّهِ ۖ وَأُنَبِّئُكُم بِمَا تَأْكُلُونَ وَمَا تَدَّخِرُونَ فِي بُيُوتِكُمْ ۚ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَءَايَةً لَّكُمْ إِن كُنتُم مُّؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٤٩﴾﴾

"I heal the blind and the leper, and I give life to the dead — by Allah's permission. And I inform you of what you eat and what you store in your houses. Indeed, in that is a sign for you, if you are believers."[14]

### Disciples and Opposition

Among those who accepted his call were the *Hawāriyyūn* — the disciples — sincere believers who supported him in the face of fierce opposition. They declared,

﴿قَالَ ٱلْحَوَارِيُّونَ نَحْنُ أَنصَارُ ٱللَّهِ ءَامَنَّا بِٱللَّهِ وَٱشْهَدْ بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾﴾

[14] Qur'an 3:49.

"We are the supporters of Allah; we believe in Allah, so bear witness that we are Muslims."[15]

But others, especially corrupt religious leaders and political powers, rejected him. Their opposition grew until they plotted to kill him — a plan Allah would never allow to succeed.



[15] Qur'an 3:52. A Muslim is the one who submits to the will of Allah.

# The Qur'anic View of Jesus' Nature

In Islam, Jesus is honored with unique titles and descriptions, yet his nature remains firmly within the boundaries of servanthood to Allah. The Qur'an and Sunnah portray him not as divine, but as a chosen human being — a prophet, messenger, and miracle from the Almighty.

**Servant and Prophet**

The very first words Jesus spoke as an infant settled the matter of his identity,

﴿قَالَ إِنِّي عَبْدُ ٱللَّهِ ءَاتَىٰنِيَ ٱلْكِتَٰبَ وَجَعَلَنِي نَبِيًّا ﴿٣٠﴾﴾

"Indeed, I am the servant of Allah. He has given me the Scripture and made me a prophet."[16]

Servitude to Allah (*ʿubūdiyyah*) is the highest rank any human can attain, and in the Qur'an, this title is reserved for the most honored of Allah's creation — including Muhammad (peace be upon him) himself.[17]

**A Word from Allah**

The Qur'an calls Jesus *kalimatullāh* — "a Word from Allah."[18] This does not mean he is part of Allah or eternal, as some Christian doctrines suggest. Rather, it refers to the creative command "Be!"

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[16] Qur'an 19:30.

[17] See Qur'an 17:1.

[18] See Qur'an 3:45.

(*Kun*), by which Allah brought him into existence without a father, just as He created Adam without parents.

**A Spirit from Allah**

Jesus is also described as *rūh minhu* — "a spirit from Him."[19] Islamic scholars explain that this means a soul created by Allah, honored by being directly breathed into Mary through the Angel Jibrīl. It signifies honor and origin, not divinity.

**The Islamic Rejection of Divinity**

The Qur'an firmly rejects the belief that Jesus is divine or the literal son of God,

﴿لَقَدْ كَفَرَ ٱلَّذِينَ قَالُوٓاْ إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ هُوَ ٱلْمَسِيحُ ٱبْنُ مَرْيَمَۖ وَقَالَ ٱلْمَسِيحُ يَٰبَنِيٓ إِسْرَٰٓءِيلَ ٱعْبُدُواْ ٱللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبَّكُمْۖ إِنَّهُۥ مَن يُشْرِكْ بِٱللَّهِ فَقَدْ حَرَّمَ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ ٱلْجَنَّةَ وَمَأْوَىٰهُ ٱلنَّارُۖ وَمَا لِلظَّٰلِمِينَ مِنْ أَنصَارٍ ٧٢﴾

"They have certainly disbelieved who say, 'Allah is the Messiah, the son of Mary.'… The Messiah said, 'O Children of Israel, worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord.' Indeed, whoever associates partners with Allah — Allah has forbidden Paradise for him, and his refuge is the Fire."[20]

﴿مَّا ٱلْمَسِيحُ ٱبْنُ مَرْيَمَ إِلَّا رَسُولٌ قَدْ خَلَتْ مِن قَبْلِهِ ٱلرُّسُلُ وَأُمُّهُۥ صِدِّيقَةٌۖ كَانَا يَأْكُلَانِ ٱلطَّعَامَۗ ٱنظُرْ كَيْفَ نُبَيِّنُ لَهُمُ ٱلْأَيَٰتِ ثُمَّ ٱنظُرْ أَنَّىٰ يُؤْفَكُونَ ٧٥﴾

"The Messiah, son of Mary, was not but a messenger; [other] messengers have passed on before him. And his mother was a woman of truth. They both used to eat food…"[21]

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[19] Qur'an 4:171.

[20] Qur'an 5:72.

[21] Qur'an 5:75.

Eating, sleeping, and human needs are signs of created beings — not of God.

**One Message, One God**

Jesus' call to monotheism was no different from that of Moses, Abraham, or Muhammad. He came to guide people to worship Allah alone, without partners, images, or intermediaries.

# The Crucifixion: What Islam Says

One of the most significant differences between the Islamic and traditional Christian accounts of Jesus' life concerns the crucifixion. While Christian theology holds that Jesus was crucified, died, and rose from the dead, the Qur'an gives a very different testimony — that he was neither killed nor crucified.

## The Plot Against Jesus

As Jesus' message spread, opposition from certain religious leaders and political authorities intensified. The Qur'an tells us they conspired against him,

﴿وَمَكَرُواْ وَمَكَرَ ٱللَّهُۖ وَٱللَّهُ خَيۡرُ ٱلۡمَٰكِرِينَ ٥٤﴾

"And [they plotted], and Allah plotted, and Allah is the best of planners."[22]

These leaders sought to have him executed, but Allah's plan overruled theirs.

## The Qur'anic Statement

The decisive verse appears in Sūrat al-Nisāʾ,

﴿وَٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ وَعَمِلُواْ ٱلصَّٰلِحَٰتِ سَنُدۡخِلُهُمۡ جَنَّٰتٖ تَجۡرِي مِن تَحۡتِهَا ٱلۡأَنۡهَٰرُ خَٰلِدِينَ فِيهَآ أَبَدٗاۖ لَّهُمۡ فِيهَآ أَزۡوَٰجٞ مُّطَهَّرَةٞۖ وَنُدۡخِلُهُمۡ ظِلّٗا ظَلِيلًا ٥٧ ۞إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ يَأۡمُرُكُمۡ أَن تُؤَدُّواْ ٱلۡأَمَٰنَٰتِ إِلَىٰٓ أَهۡلِهَا وَإِذَا حَكَمۡتُم بَيۡنَ ٱلنَّاسِ أَن تَحۡكُمُواْ بِٱلۡعَدۡلِۚ إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ نِعِمَّا يَعِظُكُم بِهِۦٓۗ إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ كَانَ سَمِيعَۢا بَصِيرٗا ٥٨﴾

[22] Qur'an 3:54.

"And [for] their saying, 'Indeed, we have killed the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, the messenger of Allah.' And they did not kill him, nor did they crucify him — but it was made to appear so to them. And indeed, those who differ over it are in doubt about it. They have no knowledge of it except the following of assumption. And they did not kill him, for certain. Rather, Allah raised him to Himself. And ever is Allah Exalted in Might and Wise."[23]

**What Does "It Was Made to Appear" Mean?**

Islamic scholars have offered explanations for this phrase. The most widely accepted is that someone else — by Allah's will — was made to resemble Jesus and was crucified in his place. Some classical *tafsīr* works mention that it may have been one of his betrayers or a man from among his enemies. The Qur'an does not name this person, leaving the exact identity unknown.

**Raised Alive**

Rather than dying on the cross, Jesus was raised bodily to the heavens, alive, and remains there until Allah decrees his return near the end of time. This is affirmed in authentic Hadith, where the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said that Jesus has not died, and he will return to you before the Day of Resurrection.[24]

**A Matter of Faith**

For Muslims, believing in Jesus' rescue from crucifixion is part of honoring his prophetic mission and Allah's protection over His chosen servants. Just as Allah saved Abraham from the fire and Moses from Pharaoh's army, He saved Jesus from the cross.

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[23] Qur'an 4:157–158.

[24] Tirmidhī (no. 2233) narrated that the Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, said, "By the One in Whose Hand is my soul! Ibn Mariam [Son of Mary] shall soon descend among you, judging justly. He shall break the cross, kill the pig, remove the *jizyah*, and wealth will be so bountiful that there will be none to accept it." See also, Bukhārī (2476), Muslim (2937), and Abū Dāwūd (4321),

# The Return of Jesus

The Qur'an tells us that Jesus was raised alive to Allah, and authentic Hadith give us a vivid picture of his future return. This is not a symbolic "spiritual coming" — it is a real, physical descent before the Day of Judgment, part of the final events of human history.

**A Sign of the Last Hour**

Allah says in the Qur'an,

﴿وَإِنَّهُۥ لَعِلۡمٞ لِّلسَّاعَةِ فَلَا تَمۡتَرُنَّ بِهَا وَٱتَّبِعُونِۚ هَٰذَا صِرَٰطٞ مُّسۡتَقِيمٞ ٦١﴾

"And indeed, he [Jesus] will be a sign for the Hour, so be in no doubt of it, and follow Me. This is a straight path."[25]

The Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) explained that Jesus will descend when the world is in turmoil — when oppression is widespread and the greatest deceiver, the Dajjāl (False Messiah, Antichrist), is causing chaos on earth.[26]

**The Manner of His Descent**

According to *Sahīh al-Bukhārī* and *Sahīh Muslim*, Jesus will descend near the white minaret to the east of Damascus, Syria, at the time of the Dawn (Fajr) prayer. He will be wearing two garments dyed with saffron, with his hands resting on the wings of

[25] Qur'an 43:61.

[26] To learn mor about the signs of end of time, see *The Last Apocalypse: An Islamic Perspective*, by A. R. Kelani

two angels. Drops will fall from his hair as if it had just been washed.[27]

### His Mission on Return

The Prophet (ﷺ) said that Jesus:

**He will kill the Dajjāl** — Jesus will pursue and slay the False Messiah at the gate of Ludd (near present-day Lod, in Palestine).

**He will break the cross** — rejecting the false claim of his divinity.

**He will kill the swine** — removing unlawful practices falsely associated with him.

**He will abolish the *jizyah*** — as there will be no religion except Islam at that time.

"By Him in Whose Hand is my soul, the son of Mary will soon descend among you as a just ruler…"[28]

### An Era of Peace and Justice

Under his leadership, justice will spread, wealth will be abundant, and there will be no more wars. Even the enmity between wild animals will cease. People will live in security, and all will worship Allah alone.

### His Death and Burial

After completing his mission, Jesus will live on earth for a number of years (some narrations mention forty), then die a natural death. According to authentic reports, he will be buried on earth — and some narrations mention that he will be laid to rest near the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) in Madinah.

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[27] See Muslim, 2937.
[28] See footnote no. 24.

# Lessons from the Life of Jesus

The life of ʿĪsā ibn Maryam is more than a series of miraculous events — it is a treasury of timeless lessons for all who seek truth. The Qur'an and Sunnah portray him not only as a messenger of faith, but also as an example of humility, compassion, and devotion.

**Humility Before Allah**

Though honored above many, Jesus always spoke of himself as *ʿAbdullāh* — the servant of Allah. Even in infancy, his first words declared his servanthood.[29] This teaches that true greatness lies in recognizing our dependence on the Creator.

**Calling to Pure Monotheism**

His message was unwavering,

﴿إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبُّكُمْ فَٱعْبُدُوهُۚ هَٰذَا صِرَٰطٌ مُّسْتَقِيمٌ ﴿٥١﴾﴾

"Indeed, Allah is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him. That is the straight path."[30]

He never sought personal glory, but worked to turn hearts back to the One God, just as every prophet did.

**Simplicity and Detachment from the World**

Authentic narrations describe Jesus, peace be upon him, as a man who owned little, traveled light, and valued the soul over

[29] See Qur'an 19:30.
[30] Qur'an 3:51.

possessions. This detachment reminds us that life's true worth is not measured by wealth, but by faith and righteousness.

**Compassion and Mercy**

Jesus healed the sick, comforted the distressed, and welcomed the outcast — always attributing his power to Allah. His compassion was not weakness, but a strength rooted in mercy and justice.

**Patience in the Face of Opposition**

Despite rejection, slander, and plots against his life, Jesus remained steadfast in his mission. His patience reflects the Qur'anic principle,

﴿فَٱصۡبِرۡ إِنَّ وَعۡدَ ٱللَّهِ حَقّٞ﴾

"So be patient. Indeed, the promise of Allah is truth."[31]

**Speaking the Truth, Even Against Popular Opinion**

He corrected the religious errors of his time, even when it meant confronting powerful leaders. This shows that faithfulness to God sometimes requires standing against the majority.

[31] Qur'an 30:60.

# Conclusion

In Islam, ʿĪsā ibn Maryam, peace be upon him, is more than a historical figure — he is a living sign of Allah's power, mercy, and justice. From his miraculous birth to his ascension, from his call to pure monotheism to his promised return, his life reflects the unity of the prophetic mission:

To guide people to worship Allah alone.

To revive the law and spirit of righteousness.

To serve as an example of humility and devotion.

Muslims love and honor Jesus without deifying him. They believe in his miracles, respect his teachings, and await his return, knowing that he will complete his mission by defeating falsehood and restoring justice on earth and follow the footsteps of Muhammad, the final messenger.

The Qur'an calls on the People of the Book — Jews and Christians — and indeed all humanity, to unite upon the truth that Jesus himself preached,

﴿قُلْ يَٰٓأَهْلَ ٱلْكِتَٰبِ تَعَالَوْا۟ إِلَىٰ كَلِمَةٍ سَوَآءٍۭ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ أَلَّا نَعْبُدَ إِلَّا ٱللَّهَ وَلَا نُشْرِكَ بِهِۦ شَيْـًٔا وَلَا يَتَّخِذَ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا أَرْبَابًا مِّن دُونِ ٱللَّهِ﴾

"Say, 'O People of the Book, come to a word that is equitable between us and you — that we will not worship except Allah and

not associate anything with Him, and not take one another as lords instead of Allah.'" [32]

The story of Jesus in Islam is a story of faith kept pure, hope kept alive, and truth preserved. It invites every reader to look beyond inherited claims and seek the message that all prophets brought — the worship of the One God, without partners or intermediaries.



[32] Qur'an 3:64.

# Appendix

**Jesus in Islam vs. Traditional Christian Belief (Summary Table)**

| Aspect | Islamic View | Traditional Christian View |
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| Nature | Human prophet, servant of Allah | Son of God, divine |
| Birth | Virgin birth by Allah's command | Virgin birth by Holy Spirit |
| Mission | To guide Children of Israel to monotheism | To save humanity from sin through crucifixion |
| Crucifixion | Not crucified; raised alive to heaven | Crucified, died, buried, and resurrected |
| Return | Will return to kill the Antichrist, restore justice, unite humanity in worship of Allah | Will return to judge the living and the dead |
| End | Will die naturally and be buried on earth | Eternal reign in heaven |